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**ASSESSMENT PRACTICES SURVEY REPORT
RELEASED FOR ALAMEDA COUNTY**

Betty T. Yee, Acting Member of the State Board of Equalization (BOE), today released an assessment practices survey report on Alameda County. As the agency responsible for promoting statewide uniformity and consistency in property tax assessment, the BOE reviews each county's property assessment practices and procedures once every five years.

The report provides an overview of how well the assessor's duties are performed and identifies where improvements should be made. Every assessor is required to identify and assess all properties located within the county - unless specifically exempt - and maintain a database or "roll" of the properties and their assessed values. If the assessor's roll meets state requirements, the county is allowed to recapture some administrative costs.

The BOE's report focused on the quality of the 2004-2005 Alameda County assessment roll, which contained about 476,000 assessments totaling \$152.9 billion in value.

The report not only found that the overall quality of the assessment roll in Alameda County meets state standards, but that the assessor manages one of the better assessment programs in the state. It noted the assessor has made a major effort to implement previous BOE recommendations. It also commended the assessor for a well-organized and maintained office and a redesigned website.

While the report calls for the assessor to improve assessments on private interests in government-owned properties, it makes few other recommendations.

Acting Board Member Betty T. Yee, of San Francisco, assumed the First District seat on the Board of Equalization in 2004.

The five-member Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The Board collects almost \$50 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and plays a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes.

Other Board Members include Bill Leonard of Sacramento/Ontario, Second District; Claude Parrish of Long Beach, Third District; Chairman John Chiang of Los Angeles, Fourth District; and State Controller Steve Westly.

[Click Here to View the 2006 Alameda County Assessment Practices Survey](#)

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